

**Sanitary Code  
State of Louisiana  
Chapter II  
The Control of Disease**

"It is hereby made the duty of every physician practicing medicine in the State of Louisiana to report to the State Health Officer, through the Health Unit of the parish or municipality wherein such physician practices, any case of suspected case of reportable disease which he is attending, or has examined, or for which such physician as prescribed. The report shall be made promptly at the time the physician first visits, examines or prescribes for the patient, and such report shall state the name, age, sex, race, usual residence, place where the patient is to be found, the nature of the disease and the date of onset." In addition to physician reporting, laboratories are required to report the results of tests which either confirm or suggest the occurrence of reportable diseases as specified by law. Additionally, Section 2:006 states "It shall be the duty of every osteopath, coroner, medical examiner, dentist, homeopath, infection control practitioner, medical records director, nurse, nurse midwife, nurse practitioner, pharmacist, physician assistant, podiatrist, social worker, veterinarian, and any other health care professional to report a confirmed case of reportable disease as specified in Section 2:003 in which he or she has examined or evaluated, or for which he or she is attending or has knowledge."

**2:003 The following diseases are hereby declared reportable with reporting requirements by Class:**

**Class A Diseases/Conditions - Reporting Required Within 24 Hours**

**Diseases of major public health concern because of the severity of disease and potential for epidemic spread—report by telephone immediately upon recognition that a case, a suspected case, or a positive laboratory result is known; [ in addition, all cases of rare or exotic communicable diseases, unexplained death, unusual cluster of disease and all outbreaks shall be reported.]**

Anthrax	Haemophilus influenzae (invasive infection)	Rubella (German measles)
Botulism	Measles (rubeola)	Rubella (congenital syndrome)
Brucellosis	Neisseria meningitidis (invasive infection)	Smallpox
Cholera	Plague	Tularemia
Diphtheria	Rabies (animal & man)	Viral Hemorrhagic Fever

**Class B Diseases/Conditions - Reporting Required Within 1 Business Day**

**Diseases of public health concern needing timely response because of potential of epidemic spread—report by the end of the next business day after the existence of a case, a suspected case, or a positive laboratory result is known.**

Arthropod-borne encephalitis	Hepatitis A (acute illness)	Pertussis
Aseptic meningitis	Hepatitis B (carriage in pregnancy)	Salmonellosis
Chancroid <sup>1</sup>	Herpes (neonatal)	Shigellosis
E. Coli 0157:H7	Legionellosis	Syphilis <sup>1</sup>
Hantavirus Pulmonary Syndrome	Malaria	Tetanus
Hemolytic-Uremic Syndrome	Mumps	Tuberculosis <sup>3</sup>
		Typhoid Fever

**Class C Diseases/Conditions - Reporting Required Within 5 Business Days**

**Diseases of significant public health concern—report by the end of the work week after the existence of a case, suspected case, or a positive laboratory result is known.**

Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS)	Giardia	Staphylococcus aureus, Methicillin/oxacillin or vancomycin resistant (MRSA)
Blastomycosis	Gonorrhea <sup>1</sup>	Streptococcus pneumoniae (invasive infection; penicillin resistant (DRSP)
Campylobacteriosis	Hansen Disease (leprosy)	Streptococcus pneumoniae (invasive infection in children < 5 years of age)
Chlamydial infection <sup>1</sup>	Hepatitis B (acute)	Varicella (chickenpox)
Cryptococcosis	Hepatitis C (acute)	Vibrio infections (except cholera)
Cryptosporidiosis	Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV)	
Cyclosporiasis	Listeria	
Dengue	Lyme Disease	
EHEC serogroup non 0157	Lymphogranuloma venereum <sup>1</sup>	
EHEC + shiga toxin not serogrouped	Psittacosis	
Enterococcus, Vancomycin Resistant; (VRE)	Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever (RMSF)	

**Other Reportable Conditions**

Cancer	Lead Poisoning*	Sickle cell disease (newborns)*
Complications of abortion	Phenylketonuria*	Spinal cord injury**
Congenital hypothyroidism*	Reye's Syndrome	Sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS)
Galactosemia*	Severe traumatic head injury**	
Hemophilia*	Severe undernutrition (severe anemia, failure to thrive)	

Case reports not requiring special reporting instructions can be reported by Confidential Disease Case Report forms EPI-2430, facsimile (504-568-5006), phone reports (504-568-5005 or 1-800-256-2748), or electronic transmission.

<sup>1</sup>Report on STD-43 form. Report cases of syphilis with active lesions by telephone.

<sup>2</sup>Report on CDC72.5 (f.5.2431) card.

\*Report to the Louisiana Genetic Diseases Program Office by telephone (505) 568-5070 or FAX (504) 568-7722.

\*\*Report on DDP-3 form; preliminary phone report from ER encouraged (504) 568-2509. Information contained in reports required under this section shall remain confidential in accordance with the law.